

To: PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	Subject: LANARKSHIRE 'WIDER ROLE' HOUSING PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL	
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT		
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1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to contribute £3000 per year for three years (2002/03 – 2004/05) towards the partnership costs of the Lanarkshire 'Wider Role' Housing Partnership Project.

2. Background

- 2.1 The project draws on the lessons and experience of an earlier project 'Building Futures' which was part funded by the Council. The new project aims to provide assistance to Registered Social Landlords to facilitate their involvement in regeneration activities in partnership with North Lanarkshire Council and other relevant agencies. The project will compliment the activities of the 'Better Homes – Stronger Communities Project', currently part funded by North Lanarkshire Council, Communities Scotland and the European Social Fund Objective 3 Programme which provides capacity building support to housing based community groups in Forgewood, Old Monkland and Craigneuk and Petersburn.

3. Project Description

3.1 Project Aims & Objectives

The 'Wider Role' project has three major objectives:

- To engage in community regeneration and confidence building initiatives related to the activities of participating Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) in Lanarkshire.
- To facilitate the employment and training opportunities for local tenants and residents from the development, improvement and maintenance contracts being led by those organisations.
- To provide a facilitation/consultancy resource for participating RSLs which assists them to develop their wider role activities within the wider role framework approved by Communities Scotland.

3.2 Project Outline

The project will be delivered by a Community Economic Development Co-ordinator (CEDC) located in the Clyde Valley Housing Association (CVHA) offices in Motherwell, and managed by a project management group representing the funding agencies and RSLs.

The CEDC will work with each participating RSL in pursuing a generic programme that encompasses a variety of community capacity building initiatives. These specifically include the encouragement of unemployed tenants and residents to pursue training and job opportunities in the construction industry. Also, closer links will be developed with this sector. The CEDC will meet regularly with each RSL to discuss their wider role activities and will assist them to develop ideas and projects within the policy and development framework established by Communities Scotland.

3.3 Project Management and Evaluation

The project will be managed by a quarterly meeting of a management group with representation from all project funders.

Line management, and office accommodation and services, will be provided by Clyde Valley Housing Association

3.4 Project Funding

The project expenditure profile and proposed funding package is as follows:

Total costs of £136,000 over three years (£112,000 personnel costs, £24,000 office and travel costs)

Income to come from:

Communities Scotland	-	(66%)
North Lanarkshire Council	-	(7%)
South Lanarkshire Council	-	(7%)
Lanarkshire RSLs	-	(20%)

RSLs within North Lanarkshire expected to participate are, Abronhill Housing Association, Clyde Valley Housing Association, Cumbernauld Housing Partnership, Forgewood Housing Co-operative, Garrison People's Housing Co-operative, Lanarkshire Housing Association, Lochside Housing Association, Wishaw and District Housing Association.

3.1 Conclusion

The project will compliment the work of the 'Better Homes – Stronger Communities' project and will contribute towards partnership working in addressing the regeneration needs of the communities throughout North Lanarkshire.

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 It is recommended that the Planning and Environment Committee:

- (i) approve the expenditure of £3000 per year for three years from 1 April 2002 until 31 March 2005 and;
- (ii) note that the Council's contribution to the 'Wider Role' initiative will be met from the General Development Fund Revenue budget.



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